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Washington County, Texas Feb. 3rd 1848

Brother Sam

Enclosed you will find the deed. It has been on hand a long time and when you get it you will see the reason we have no commissioner from your State to do such business for us therefore we are under the necessity of sending such to the seat of government to have it right. and another is Nancy's health has been so bad that she was not able to get to Brenham to have her acknowledgment taken.

Should you need this it will inform you that we are all in good health. I should have wrote to you sooner but Nancy wrote to Cousin Amelia and told her all that - I could have said I have not any kind of news to write you of you stated to me the bad health of sister which I am sorry to hear but I hope before this time she is in good health. I recd a letter from Mr. J. Craig the other day he said that him self and Bro. John & family were all in good health. Living here are quite hard that is money scarce money you know is all in all. If you are out of corn you are apt to have no meat. and poor horses and in fact. everything is scarce. So it is with us we are out of money and that makes all other things scarce but we have a prospect for a another good crop. Corn is now five or six inches high. and growing. I wrote to Cousin Robert that I had started a Blacksmith shop but my Smith run away on 3rd day of Jan. and I have not heard of him since.

So I am defeated in that - when I was in, you
expressed an idea that you would like to have an
entire - in a shop. If you are of the same
nation and will send me a good Smith I will
attend to it closely. My shop is in the best of
order with a good stock of Iron and Steel on
hand ready for making money. Write me on
the subject, I am forming again this year.
That is I am making corn no cotton as soon
as I say buy my corn I shall get me a another
Smith and go to work in the shop. I
think I can make more in the shop than I
can ^{by} making cotton. I want you to write me as soon
as you get this. Tell Cousin Allison that
he must write me and let me know
how he likes to be the proprietor of
a family. I was glad to hear of his early
marriage. You must tell me who of the boys
got back from the army. Tell me if
Columbus McKinnis got home safe also if
William Tucker & your school master all got back
safe. Our Legislature is in session. I got
a paper from some friend in the State
Legislature, and from ^{what} A I can learn
both Houses are in favour of a sound
Code of Laws, which will add to the
character of our State materially and
the best of all is the mass of
the members in both Houses are
Democrats. Bro. Jim I would like to
see you in Texas and hear your opinion
of it after you have seen it. I have
been hearing going on four years and
I am at a loss for language to express my self

with regard to this country. Its one continual
lean after another. Till you become wearied
we lack Capital and navigation and I might add
enterprise, or energy, but I think time will
obliterate all these objections and we will
become a prosperous (and happy) nation.
I say yes nation for we do not know
where our boundry will end it may man-
age the whole of the Republic of Mexico before
this war is bro't to a close. I rec'd a letter from
W. H. Pacey the 16th inst. informing me that
W. H. Quinn had ~~arrived~~ during the war
was gone to Mexico. If I was with ^{you} _{again}
I could sit and talk for a week, but my
sheet will give out and I must stop.
My children are all in fine health &
grows fast our last Amelia Sidonie
is one of the finest little girls that
I ever saw, a rather big in the Pan
Pecos stuff and Groceries of all kinds are
low enough and Cotton is low enough too,
I have 12 Bales yet not sold and I do not
know when I shall sell it, not till
some time in the summer. Sugar
(and Coffee from 8 cts. to 9 cts. Salt 25 cts. to
\$3.00 - flour high - \$8 - To 7 - Molasses 35 cts.
Corn 35 cts. for Bushel. Pork 45 cts. to 5.00 that is
considered low for Texas, but you know
as well as I do that is high prices -
I must stop write me often, we all
wish to be remembered by you all -

Yours Sincerely
Fair well - - -
J. L. Preadwell
R. D. Preadwell

Brenton
March 3d

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Mr. J. C. Treadwell

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